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**Box PATENT APPLICATION**  
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**Washington, DC 20231**

New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: DISTRIBUTED SYSTEM AND MULTIPLEXING CONTROL  
METHOD FOR THE SYSTEM  
Inventor: Kotaro ENDO

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 47pages, including 2 independent claims and 10 claims total.
2. Drawings- 8 sheets of drawings containing 11 figures.
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
4. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to Kabushiki Kaisha Toshiba .
5. Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-181791, filed June 15, 2001.
6. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
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| Basic Application Filing Fee                                    |                     |   |       |                 | \$740  | \$ 740.00 |
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| Total Claims  | 10                  | - | 20    |                 | x \$18 |           |
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9. Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-181791, filed June 15, 2001.

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Please accord this application an application number and filing date and record and return the Assignment to the undersigned.

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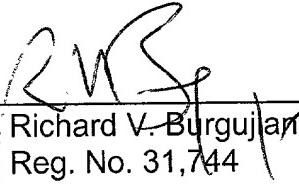
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application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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